GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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WEAKER SECTION
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes launched by the Union Government on various States for the upliftment of weaker sections during the last three years;

(b) the number of persons benefited there from during the said period, State-wise;

(c) the amount allocated/released to each State during the above period, Scheme-wise, State-wise;

(d) whether there is any monitoring agency to look after the implementation of these schemes; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. MANEKA GANDHI)

(a), (d) & (e) The details of the schemes launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in various States for the up-liftment of weaker sections during the last three years are given in Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) A statement indicating State-wise funds released and number of beneficiaries under each scheme for the upliftment of the weaker sections launched during the above said period is at Annexure-II.

Annexure-I

Reply to part (a), (d) & (e) of the Lok Sabha USQ No.1707 for 2.8.2000

The details of the schemes launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in various States for the up-liftment of weaker sections during the last three years i.e. 1997-98 to 1999-2000.

Disability Sector

The following two schemes have been approved by the Government in 1999-2000 :

1. Setting up of Composite Regional Centres for persons with disabilities in different parts of the country to provide services to persons with disabilities as also creating infrastructure for training and manpower development, promoting research and generating awareness. The funds for this scheme are released to National Institutes working for the welfare of disabilities.

The implementation of the scheme is monitored by the Central Government.

2. Setting up of Regional Rehabilitation Centres for persons with Spinal Injuries and other orthopaedic disabilities to strengthen services. The funds for this scheme are released to National Institutes working for the welfare of disabilities.

The progress of implementation of the scheme is monitored by the concerned State Government.

Other Backward Classes (OBCs)

The following schemes were launched by the government for the welfare and development of OBCs in 1998-99.

1. Pre Matric Scholarship for OBCs :
Under this scheme, scholarships are awarded in the case of students whose parents/guardians income from all sources does not exceed Rs.44,500/- per annum. The scholarships are to be given to the students in class I or any subsequent class of pre-matric stage in the case of day scholars and class II or any subsequent class of pre-matric stage in the case of hostellers. The scholarship will terminate at the end of class X. The duration of scholarship in an academic year will be 10 months. The scholarship will be available through such institutions and for such pre matriculation courses which have been duly recognised by the concerned State Government

and Union territories Admn. 50% Central Assistance will be provided to the State Government under the scheme.

The performance of the scheme is monitored through the State Governments.

2. Post Matric Scholarship to the OBC students for studies in India

The objective of the scheme is to provide financial assistance to the OBC students studying at post-matriculation or post secondary stage to enable them to complete their education. These scholarships are available for studies in India only. They are awarded through the State Government/UT Admn. to which the applicant actually belongs. 100% central assistance is provided to State Governments/UT Admns. for this purpose. These scholarships are given for study in recognised institutions. Unemployed students whose parents`/guardians` income from all sources does not exceed Rs.44,500 per annum are entitled for scholarship under this scheme.

The performance of the scheme is monitored through the State Governments.

3. Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls

The scheme aims at providing better education opportunities to students belonging to socially and educationally backward classes notified as such in the Central, State/UT Admn. list of OBCs, generally referred to as Other Backward Classes (OBCs). It would however, not cover students belonging to the Creamy Layer as defined by the Government of India. Hostels under the scheme will be constructed in the States/Uts. which have a large OBC population but inadequate hostel facilities. Under the scheme, 50% central assistance is given to states for such construction. These hostels will be constructed for middle, secondary, college and university level students. Out of the Hostels to be set up under this scheme, at least one third will be exclusively for girls. Five percent of the total seats in these hostels shall be reserved for disabled students. The performance of the scheme is monitored through the State Governments.

4. Scheme Of Assistance To Voluntary Organisations For The Welfare Of OBCs

The aim of the Scheme is to involve the voluntary sector to improve educational and socio-economic conditions of the target group i.e. OBCs through skill upgradation and enable them to start income generating activities on their own or get gainfully employed.

The quantum of assistance is determined in each case on merit. The Government of India may, however, meet 90% of the approved expenditure on any or all of the specified items under the Scheme.

Monitoring of the projects, assisted under is done through the State Government/UT Admn., National Commissions, Tribal Research Institute of State Government and any other agency so designated by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for this purpose.

5. Scheme Of Pre-Examination Coaching For OBCs

The objective of the Scheme is to coach/train candidates belonging to Other Backward Classes to enable them to compete on equal terms in various competitive/entrance examinations covering :

(a) Recruitment to various services under the Central and State Governments, Public and Private Sector Undertakings Banks, GIC LIC, etc.and Defence Forces, State and Central Police Forces and Para-Military Forces.

(b) Admission to technical, vocational, engineering medical, agricultural Management Courses, etc.

The candidates whose parent`s or guardian`s total income from all sources including the income of the candidates is below Rs.1.00 lakh annually is eligible for admission in the Pre-Examination Coaching Centre under the Scheme.

The Scheme is being implemented through national and State level professional coaching institutions of repute and possessing competence in the field. The Organisations are funded to the extent of 100%.

Monitoring of the projects, assisted under this Schemeis done through the State Government/UT Admn., National Commissions, Tribal Research Institute of State Government and any other agency so designated by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment for this purpose.

Annexure II

Reply to part (b) & (c) of the Lok Sabha USQ No.1707 for 2.8.2000

Disability Sector

1. Setting up of Composite Regional Centres for persons with disabilities

The funds for this scheme are released to National Institutes working for the welfare of disabilities. The Outlay and expenditure of the scheme during 1999-2000 was Rs.2.80 crores and Rs.1.50 crores, respectively. The beneficiaries under this scheme cannot be quantified at this stage.

2. Setting up of Regional Rehabilitation Centres for persons with Spinal Injuries and other orthopaedic disabilities

The funds for this scheme are released to National Institutes working for the welfare of disabilities. The outlay and expenditure during 1999-2000 under this scheme was Rs.4.68 crores and Rs.2.00 crores, respectively. The beneficiaries under this scheme cannot be quantified at this stage.

OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES

1. Pre-matric Scholarship for OBCs (Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	State/UT	1998-99 Funds Released	1998-99 No.of Benef.	1999-2000 Funds Released	1999-2000 No.of Benef.
1.	Bihar	84.60	10,566	Nil	Nil
2.	A.P.	Nil	Nil	325.00	70,000
3.	M.P.	64.00	8,957	Nil	Nil
4.	Tripura	1.40	Nil	100.00	46,920

2.Post-Matric Scholarships to the OBC students for studies in India

Sl.No.	State/UT	1998-99 Funds Released	1998-99 No.of Benef.	1999-2000 Funds Released	1999-2000 No.of Benef.
					(Rs. in Lakhs)
1.	Bihar	196.50	14410	Nil	Nil
2.	A.P.	116.00	3,259	324.26	26,151
3.	M.P.	149.00	10,426	Nil	Nil
4.	Tripura	3.00	Nil	55.00	4,570
5.	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	118.00	11,073

3. Hostels for OBC Boys & Girls: (Rs. in Lakhs)

Sl.No.	State/UT	1998-99 Funds Released	1998-99 No.of Benef.	1999-2000 Funds Released	1999-2000 No.of Benef.
1.	Bihar	120.53	3 (300)	Nil	Nil
2.	A.P.	Nil	Nil	144.26	19 (1900)
3.	M.P.	10.00	1 (50)	Nil	Nil
4.	Rajasthan	Nil	Nil	57.48	7 (175)
5.	Karnataka	Nil	Nil	78.26	17 (985)
6.	Sikkim	Nil	Nil	20.00	1 (50)

No. of Hostels (No. of students)

The amount was unspent and utilized during 1999-2000.

4. STATE-WISE DETAILS OF PROJECTS, AMOUNT RELEASED AND NO. OF BENEFICIRIES UNDER THE SCHE ASSISTANCE TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS FOR THE WELFARE OF OBCs. DURING THE YEARS 1998-99 & 1999-2000

(RS. IN LAKHS)

S.No	NAME OF STATE/UT	1998-99 Amount relesed	1998-99 No.of Bene-ficiaries relesed	1999-2000 Amount relesed	1999-2000 No.of Bene-ficiaries relesed
1.	Andhra Pradesh	11.18	240	15.82	790
2.	Assam	02.70	30	04.32	170
3.	Gujarat	NIL	NIL	00.89	50
4.	Haryana	NIL	NIL	07.33	370
5.	Karnataka	NIL	NIL	01.55	90
6.	Madhya Pradesh	08.50	210	NIL	NIL
7	Maharashtra	27.65	1015	20.13	785
8.	Manipur	02.16	115	10.56	435
9.	Orissa	02.69	30	03.66	210
10	Sikkim	01.73	125	NIL	NIL
11	Tamil Nadu	NIL	NIL	00.95	50
12	Uttar Pradesh	05.59	180	25.11	1195
13	West Bengal	01.13	80	05.66	250
14	Delhi	01.13	80	11.02	570
	TOTAL	64.46	2105	107.00	4965

5. STATE-WISE DETAILS OF PROJECTS, AMOUNT RELEASED AND NO. OF BENEFICIRIES UNDER THE SCHEME C EXAMINATION COACHING FOR OBCs DURING THE YEARS 1998-99 & 1999-2000

(RS. IN LAKHS)

S.No	NAME OF STATE/UT	1998-99 Amount relesed	1998-99 No.of Bene-ficiaries relesed	1999-2000 Amount relesed	1999-2000 No.of Bene-ficiaries relesed
1.	Assam	06.78	120	NIL	NIL
2.	Kerala	03.33	40	NIL	NIL
3.	Madhya Pradesh	05.19	160	2.13	80
4.	Orissa	02.12	NIL	0.85	20
	TOTAL	17.42	320	2.98	100